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TO AMEMBASSY BONN IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON PRIORITY

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TAGS: UG CASC

SUBJECT: REPORT OF AMCITS UNDER ARREST IN UGANDA

1. DEPT HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING REUTER ITEM DATELINED  
LONDON, DEC. 12. QUOTE: MORE THAN 30 MERCENARIES, MAINLY  
BRITISH AND AMERICAN NATIONALS, WERE ARRESTED  
LAST NIGHT AS THEY TRIED TO ENTER UGANDA FROM ZAIRE,  
RADIO UGANDA REPORTED TODAY. THE RADIO, MONITORED HERE,  
QUOTED A MILITARY SPOKESMAN AS SAYING THAT 33  
MERCENARIES WERE BEING INTERROGATED IN KAMPALA, THE  
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UGANDAN CAPITAL. IT SAID THE ARRESTS CAME NEAR MIDNIGHT

AS THE GROUP TRIED TO ENTER UGANDA THROUGH KISORO NEAR THE ZAIRE BORDER. THE SPOKESMAN SAID PRESIDENT IDI AMIN WAS BEING KEPT INFORMED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS. THE SPOKESMAN WARNED ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL TO BE ALERT FOR ANY FURTHER INFILTRATIONS BUT ADDED THERE WAS NO CAUSE FOR ALARM, THE RADIO SAID. UNQUOTE.

2. DEPT HAS ASKED UGANDAN CHARGE MWANGAGUHUNGA TO SEEK CLARIFICATION SOONEST OF ABOVE REPORT OF AMCITS UNDER ARREST IN KAMPALA.

3. FOR BONN: EMBASSY SHOULD REQUEST FRG INVESTIGATE SUBSTANCE OF REUTERS REPORT THROUGH ITS EMBASSY IN KAMPALA AND TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO SEE THAT CONSULAR ACCESS IS PROMPTLY AFFORDED ANY AMCITS BEING DETAINED BY GOU.

4. REQUEST OTHER ADDRESSEES PROVIDE ANY INFO THEY MAY HAVE ON REUTERS REPORT AND AMERICANS IN QUESTION. PORTER

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